Identification of Families Below Poverty Line Under TPDS

4172. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the families below poverty line to be covered under Targeted Public Distribution System(TPDS) have been identified in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and have also been issued Special Cards for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the estimated backlog in that regard;

(c) whether sufficinet foodgrains particularly wheat and rice are being made available to the region for TPDS; and

(d) if not, remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) the identification of families below poverty line (BPL) and issue of special cards to them is carried out by the State Government. The Government of Maharashtra have reported that about 13 lakh BPL families have been identified in the 9 Districts of Vidarbha region. Instructions have been issued for distribution of special yellow cards to the BPL families. No backlog is estimated in this regard.

(c) and (d) Monthly allocations of foodgrains (wheat and rice) to all states/UTs including Maharashtra are made for the State as a whole and further sub-all-allocations among various regions/districts are made by the State Government.

Government of Maharashtra have reported that sufficient allocations of foodgrains is being made regularly to districts including Vidarbha for TPDS.

The figures of allocation to districts, and off-take by Fair Price Shops (FPS) pertaining to foodgrains for BPL families for the last six months in Vidarbha Region are as follows:—

Allocation, and off-take of BPL Foodgrains in Vidarbha Region

[Figures in MTs]

Month	Allocation		Off-take by FPS	
	RICE	WHEAT	RICE	WHEAT
January, 1998	6170	9300	4666	7335
February	7055	7995	4469	7278
March	7200	11700	4907	7824
April	6500	11900	4760	7668
May	6200	12300	5471	7302
June	6110	11700	5396	8060

Considering the number of beneficiaries of about 13 lakh families the allocation and off-take of foodgrains fully meet the BPL requirements.